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RIBONUCLEOTIDE REDUCTASE SUBUNIT AND USES
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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MAY 7, 2002 RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT AND PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in response to the May 7, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 7, 2002 Office Action was originally due June 7, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. The required fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity is FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. A response to the May 7, 2002 Office Action is now due July 7, 2002. However, since July 7, 2002 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e. Monday, July 8, 2002, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted pending claims 1-32 to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-3, drawn to a protein;

II. Claims 4-10, drawn to a DNA encoding a protein, a vector